



Cease the Grease!

***** F.O.G., or fats, oils, and grease, can cause us all problems in our sanitary sewer system. When F.O.G. is poured down kitchen drains, it can begin to build up in our sewer pipes and cause restrictions in flow. These restrictions can amount to unwanted back-ups of untreated sewage in our sewer pipes to our houses and to the main sanitary sewer system.

These back-ups result in increased costs for residents, businesses, and the City for clean up. Eliminating F.O.G. in the sanitary sewer system will help protect the water supply in your community by preventing sanitary sewer overflows.

Look on the back of this card for some simple do's and don'ts that will help you and your neighbors avoid costs of plumbing repairs and emergencies from clogged sewer pipes.



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DO

- **Recycle used cooking oil or properly dispose of it in the garbage.**
- **For small amounts,** you can achieve this by pouring over newspaper or paper towels and place in garbage.
- **For larger amounts,** use clay cat litter. Just mix the litter, a little at a time, into the oil. When all the oil has been absorbed, pour the cat litter into a trash bag and throw it away.
- **To recycle large amounts of oil,** such as what's left over from a fish fry or frying a holiday turkey, contact Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center at 6400 Bridge Street in Fort Worth 817-871-5257. All you need to show is proof of Arlington residency (like your water bill).
- **Compost foods scraps or scrape them into the trash, not the sink.**
- **Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing them.**

DONT

- ***Don't* use a garbage disposal or food grinder.** Grinding food up before rinsing it down the drain does not remove F.O.G.; it just makes the pieces smaller.
- ***Don't* pour cooking oil, pan drippings, bacon grease, salad dressings, or sauces down the sink or toilet, or into street gutters or storm drains.**
- ***Don't* use cloth towels or rags to scrape plates or clean oily or greasy dishes.** When you wash the towels, the grease will still end up in the sewer.
- ***Don't* run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.**



Remember, following these simple do's and don'ts will help us:

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